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TOWN OF DORCHESTER



ANNUAL REPORT 2007



The Winter of 2007

2008

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS



OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER, N.H.





Year Ended

December 31, 2007

Dedicated

To The Memory
of

Frances E. Merrill



May 28, 1910 ~ November 27, 2007

School Board Member

Trustee of the Trust Funds

&

Dorchester's First Recipient of the

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2007 proved to be a year of positive economic structuring, protecting our ordinances and rules, planning around high energy costs, preparing to cope with a potential escalating tax rate and its impact, and lastly setting a new direction on emergency management. Two of these issues have been exciting and the others vexing in their content and ramifications.

For several years Dorchester was operating under the cloud of running a deficit. A deficit is constricting because it limits a town's growth, and gives us little room in which to control the tax rate. This year due to unanticipated revenues from current use changes, tax sales, penalties, cost reimbursements, and fiscal discipline, Dorchester has relegated the deficit to zero and has increased the fund balance or surplus significantly. We need to continue this economic trend by being ever so watchful of costs and prudent in our fiscal planning and direction.

The Selectmen's office not only serves as the fiscal regulator; one of its primary functions is an enforcer of rules that were voted by our electorate. In the last decade planning and land use have been in the forefront as two boards, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, face new situations and challenges. Our community needs to support these boards because we as citizens voted the rules and regulations with the sole intent of protecting the community. It would have been very easy to see Dorchester parceled out into tiny unregulated building lots with sub standard and poorly constructed driveway entrances, and our tax base eroded due to uncontrolled building, and its lack of notification. Furthermore, we could have been the targets of large commercial outfits much like the paramilitary camp that

nearly invaded our neighboring town of Groton. This year alone we have had to support the protection of our historic district and common, bolster our building permit and driveway enforcement, and support our Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board in their decisions on land use.

As one pours through the Town Budget one should take note of the increase for Government Buildings, Highways, and Welfare. These three areas directly reflect increases that have been the result of spiking fuel prices in gasoline, diesel, kerosene, propane, and # 2 fuel oil. To operate effectively these areas need to be adequately funded. Public assistance, for example, has sky-rocked by more than 119% due to fuel assistance. In general more and more people are having difficulty paying their fuel obligations, and with a hard winter such as this one the demands could be exacerbated to even higher proportions.

With the coming year we could experience sizable tax increases due to the inclusion of a new prison, new school and budget increases, petitioned warrant articles, and a small rise in our own budget. The Grafton County prison is now a reality, and will be constructed. This will affect all towns by increasing the tax rate nearly one dollar ($1.00) per thousand. The Mascoma Valley Regional School District has an increased proposed budget of nearly 8% and also has plans requesting a bond for thirty nine million dollars ($39,000,000) to construct a new high school. This budget item could spike our tax rate another four dollars and twenty seven cents ($ 4.27) per thousand. The Town portion will add about fifty cents (.50) to each thousand of assessed valuation for all town services; about a 3% increase. There are also two petitioned warrant articles to expand the veterans' exemptions that are money related. Both of these articles would impact the tax rate by seventy-one cents .71. Added together we could realize a six dollar and forty-eight cents ($ 6.48) increase on

our present tax bills by June 2009. This would all have to be absorbed by an already thin and slowly growing tax base.

Economically, we may now have what is now called a recession coupled with what is labeled "stagflation". Stagflation is basically described as rising prices with contracting or shrinking wages. As ever increasing demands present themselves to the town, it is our hope that reason and rationale will prevail in the control of our increasing tax burden. Perhaps the days of New Hampshire's reliance on property taxes are numbered.

In the last few years Emergency Management has risen as one of the primary focuses of most NH communities. In the past, one of the Selectmen has assumed this duty. The responsibility has now been passed to a new appointee, Mr. Arthur Burdette. Mr. Burdette is a former fire chief from Freeport, NY. He brings with him a repertoire of knowledge and skill that greatly increases the chances for Dorchester receiving State and Federal grants. With these grants, town buildings, other structures, and communications that would benefit the community in or out of national or localized crises could be significantly upgraded.

In conclusion, we would like to express our thanks to all who serve to make Dorchester's governmental structure function. The door is always open to new people and ideas that will benefit the total community.



John A. Cote David A. Conkey
Albert John Franz

Selectmen's Meetings
2008
Thursdays ~ 6:30 P.M.

January 10 ~ 24

February 7 ~ 21

March 6 ~ 20

April 3 ~ 17

May 1 ~ 15 ~ 29

June 12 ~ 26

July 10 ~ 24

August 7 ~ 21

September 4 ~ 18

October 2 ~ 16 ~ 30

November 13 ~ 26*

December 11 ~ 23*

*Note change due to the holiday

The Board of Selectmen meets with the public at 7:00 P.M.



DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 2007

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Albert John Franz 2008 Chairman John A. Cote 2009
David A. Conkey 2010

MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson 2008

TOWN TREASURER

Brian A. Howe 2008
Jennifer Grace, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Brenda A. Howe 2008
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda A. Howe 2008
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2008

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Claudette "Cookie" Hebert
Holly Conkey, Deputy

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Linda M. Landry ~ 523-7119
Patricia Franz, Deputy

HEALTH OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

PERMIT OFFICERS

John A. Cote, Board of Selectmen, Road Agent

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Arthur Burdette, Director Dillon Mock, Assistant Director

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Darlene Oaks 2010 Carol Towne 2008 Donna Abell 2009

AUDITORS

Martha Walker 2008 Holly Conkey 2008

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Darlene Oaks 2012 Karen Limoges 2010 Elizabeth "Betty" Trought 2008

PLANNING BOARD

Michael Howe 2010 Chairman Linda Landry 2009 Patricia Franz 2010
David DeVall 2008 John A. Cote, Slc. Rep. Arthur Burdette, Alternate

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Morrill, Chairman Claudette "Cookie" Hebert Michael Landry
Arthur Burdette David A. Conkey, Slc. Rep.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

John Guarnieri 2008 Arthur Burdette 2009 Elizabeth "Betty" Trought 2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Morrissey, Chairman Joshua Trought Michael Majeski
David Yetman, Alternate

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Patricia Franz, Chairman Robert Pon Darlene Oaks
Martha Walker Linda M. Landry

REPRESENTATIVE TO MASCOMA HEALTH INITIATIVE
Elizabeth "Betty" Trought

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Claudette "Cookie" Hebert

MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Amber Barsaleau

REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
VACANT

REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
Joshua Trought

REPRESENTATIVE TO LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID
Arthur Burdette

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen	Every other Thursday, 6:30 P.M. Town Office ~ 786-9476
Town Clerk	Wednesday, 3:00 P.M. ~ 6:00 P.M.
Tax Collector	Monday, 9:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M. Fourth Sat., 9:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M. Town Office Home Phone: 786-9476 ~ 786-9076
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday of each month Town Office – 786-9476
Conservation Commission	2nd Wednesday of each month Town Hall
Board of Adjustment	As required – Town Office
Animal Control	"Cookie" Hebert ~ 523-7803 Holly Conkey ~ 786-2442
Notary Public	Slc. Mtgs. and upon request 523-7119 Free of Charge to Dorchester Residents

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2008, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to continue, until rescinded by a vote of the Town, the Road or Highway Agent's Health Benefit Policy as adopted by the Board of Selectmen on January 24, 2002, which provides that the Town will contribute 60% of the cost of a full family plan to a newly elected Highway Agent in year one of his/her term, 80% in year two and 100% in year three and thereafter upon his/her re-election.

 By Petition

3. To see if the town of Dorchester will vote to raise the veteran's tax exemption from fifty dollars ($50.00) annually to five hundred dollars ($500.00) annually.

 By Petition

4. Shall the Town of Dorchester vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35-1-a "the optional tax credit for service-connected total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a" and amend provisions to provide a credit available for the disabled veteran's credit to $2,000.00. A credit is the amount deducted from the bill. Effective tax year 2008.

By Petition

5. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

 Resolved: We the citizens of Dorchester, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

 By Petition

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thirty-six thousand, ninety dollars ($436,090.00), to defray Town charges.

7. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February 2008.

Albert John Franz, Chairman

John A. Cote

David A. Conkey
Dorchester Selectmen

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Town of Dorchester Budget ~ 2008

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		$70,000.00	$73,175.78	$74,000.00
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		$1,000.00	$1,068.66	$4,000.00
4150-4151	Financial Administration		$0.00	$39.08	$40.00
4152	Revaluation of Property		$6,000.00	$5,639.17	$6,000.00
4153	Legal Expense		$8,000.00	$11,437.53	$12,000.00
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		----------	----------	----------
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		$3,200.00	$5,192.39	$5,000.00
4194	General Government Buildings		$20,000.00	$18,966.22	$22,000.00
4195	Cemeteries		$2,500.00	$1,984.54	$2,500.00
4196	Insurance		$24,000.00	$28,396.30	$24,000.00
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		$600.00	$105.00	$200.00
4199	Other General Government		$2,500.00	$4,061.72	$2,500.00
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		$100.00	$0.00	$100.00
4215-4219	Ambulance		$5,500.00	$5,500.00	$5,500.00
4220-4229	Fire		$13,400.00	$13,832.55	$13,500.00
4240-4249	Building Inspection		----------	----------	----------
4290-4298	Emergency Management		$500.00	$23.87	$500.00
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		$3,600.00	$3,752.02	$3,800.00
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		----------	----------	----------
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		----------	----------	----------
4312	Highways & Streets		$205,442.00	$208,970.31	$210,000.00
4313	Bridges		----------	----------	----------
4316	Street Lighting		----------	----------	----------
4319	Other		----------	----------	----------
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		$500.00	$548.89	$550.00
4323	Solid Waste Collection		----------	----------	----------
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		$25,622.00	$25,522.00	$26,000.00
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		----------	----------	----------
4326-4329	Sewae Coll. & Disposal & Other		$0.00	$100.00	$100.00

Town of Dorchester Budget ~ 2008

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration				
4332	Water Services				
4335-4339	Water Treatment. Conserv.& Other				
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation				
4353	Purchase Costs				
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance				
4359	Other Electric Costs				
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration				
4414	Pest Control				
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		$3,000.00	$2,250.00	$3,000.00
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		$6,900.00	$15,147.89	$15,000.00
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts				
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		$1,600.00	$1,667.00	$1,800.00
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation				
4550-4559	Library				
4583	Patriotic Purposes				
4589	Other Culture & Recreation				
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources				
4619	Other Conservation				
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING				
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		$13,500.00	$11,615.23	$4,000.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund	$ 10,000.00	$ 12,503.00	$ 7,000.00
Resident Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -
Timber Taxes	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,426.57	$ 10,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	$ 3,000.00	$ 6,950.06	$ 6,000.00
Inventory Penalties	$ -	$ -	$ -
Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)	$ -	$ -	$ -
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
Business Licenses & Permits	$ 100.00	$ 120.00	$ 100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	$ 45,000.00	$ 50,842.50	$ 48,000.00
Building Permits	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	$ 800.00	$ 1,321.75	$ 800.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	$ -	$ 172.84	$ -
FROM STATE	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
Shared Revenues	$ 5,000.00	$ 11,801.00	$ 5,500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	$ 10,000.00	$ 15,912.39	$ 12,000.00
Highway Block Grant	$ 30,442.91	$ 32,870.73	$ 31,119.73
Water Pollution Grant	$ -	$ -	$ -
Housing & Community Development	$ -	$ -	$ -
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	$ 700.00	$ 720.15	$ 700.00
Flood Control Reimbursement	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	$ -	$ -	$ -
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	$ -	$ -	$ -
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
Income from Departments	$ -	$ 1,066.00	$ -
Other Charges	$ -	$ 115.90	$ -
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
Sale of Municipal Property	$ -	$ 110,789.02	$ -
Interest on Investments	$ -	$ 71.86	$ -
Other	$ -	$ 9,817.00	$ -
TOTAL	$ 112,042.91	$ 262,500.77	$ 121,219.73

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year	$680,781.79
Interest	$1,637.75
Current Year Overpayment	$251.38
Prior Years	$205,915.30
Interest	$5,312.31
Principal Converted to Lien	$45,323.52

Redeemed Taxes:

Prior Years – Lien Amount	$32,209.18
Costs & Interest	$3,506.88

Land Use Change Taxes

Prior Years	$12,503.30

Yield Taxes

Current Year	$82.15
Prior Years	$7,344.42

State of New Hampshire

Revenue Sharing	$11,801.00
Rooms & Meals	$15,912.39
Highway Block Grant	$32,870.73
State Forest Land	$720.15

Tax Anticipation Loans $465,010.00

Motor Vehicle Fees	$50,842.50
Dog Licenses & Penalties	$903.00
U.C.C. Filings	$120.00
Marriages	$90.00
Miscellaneous	$2,666.49
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment	$1,066.00
Interest on Deposits	$71.86
Bureau of Land Management	$118.00
Community Development Block Grant	$7,920.00
Cemetery Fees	$75.00
Sale of Municipal Property	$110,789.02

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2007	**$1,695,844.12**
Less Liens Purchased By Town	($49,053.74)
Less In/Out Transactions	($345.00)
Cash on Hand January 1, 2007	**$175,306.93**
Cash Available for 2007	**$1,821,752.31**
BALANCE ON HAND, 12/31/2007	**$122,753.86**

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 28,062.5 acres	$13,535,635.00
Tax Exempt Land, 208.8 acres	$455,100.00
Net Taxable Land Value	$13,080,535.00
Current Use Valuation, 26,210.67 acres	$1,542,035.00
Residential Land, 1,642.99 acres	$11,538,500.00
Buildings (All)	$18,600,400.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings	$245,300.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation	$18,355,100.00
Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op	$554,800.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	$31,990,435.00
Elderly Exemptions	$0.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed	$31,990,435.00

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Total Property Taxes Assessed	$774,425.00
Less War Service Credits	$5,475.00
Total Property Tax Commitment	$768,950.00

Tax Rate per $1,000.00 of Valuation $24.29

Municipal.....**$9.64** County.....**$1.45** Local School.....**$10.67**
State Education.....**$2.53**

SCHEDULED OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings	$112,000.00
Contents	$47,236.00
Town Office, Land & Buildings	$50,700.00
Contents	$16,253.00
Police Department Equipment	$100.00
Highway Department, Land & Buildings	$58,500.00
Equipment & Materials	$200,000.00
Historical Museum	$24,400.00
Contents	$16,025.00
Other Town Land	$106,000.00
Town Property (Tax Deeded)	$143,300.00
Forest Fire Equipment	$2,000.00
TOTAL	**$776,514.00**



FINANCIAL REPORT



BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2007

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand $122,753.86
- Funds in Custody of Treasurer.....$122,453.86
- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cash.....$300.00

Unredeemed Taxes..... . $36,735.50

Uncollected Taxes..... . $86,091.23

Total Assets $245,580.59

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:
- School Taxes Payable, January ~ June 200... ..$191,186.00
- Tax Anticipation Notes$0.00

Total Liabilities..... $191,186.00

FUND BALANCE:

Assets over Liabilities..... +$54,393.65

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance December 31, 2006..... -($45,855.82)

Fund Balance December 31, 2007..... . $54,393.65

Change in Financial Condition $100,249.47





TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 2007

BALANCE:

Beginning of 2007 $175,306.93
Receipts (including interest) $1,695,844.12

TOTAL AVAILABLE DURING 2007 $1,871,151.05

Payment of Fees to Town Clerk $3,105.50
Other Payments During 2007 $1,745,291.69

TOTAL PAYMENTS DURING 2007 $1,748,397.19

BALANCE December 31, 2007:

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank..... **$136,636.94**
Less Outstanding Checks **($14,183.08)**
Cash on Hand **$300.00**

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE..... $122,753.86

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Brian A. Howe
Treasurer



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending 12-31-07

	2007	Prior
Uncollected Taxes – Beginning Year:		
Property Taxes		$251,255.77
Land Use Change		$12,503.30
Timber Yield Tax		$7,826.15
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	$771,114.00	
Timber Yield Tax	$82.15	
Overpayments:		
Remaining From Prior Year		$153.77
New This Fiscal Year	$251.38	
Interest	$1,637.75	$5,312.31
TOTAL DEBITS	**$77,339.05**	**$276,897.53**

	2007	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	$680,834.77	$205,915.30
Land Use Change		$12,503.30
Timber Yield Tax	$82.15	$7,344.42
Interests/Penalties	$1,637.75	$5,312.31
Conversion to Lien		$45,323.52
Overpayment	$52.98	
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	$3,270.00	$16.95
Timber Yield Tax		$481.73
Current Levy Deeded	$918.00	
Uncollected Taxes – End of Year	**2007**	
Property Taxes	$86,091.23	
Remaining Over Payments Prior Years		$100.79
Remaining Over Payments This Year	$251.38	
TOTAL CREDITS	**$773,239.05**	**$276,897.53**

Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY	$25,034.74
Liens Executed During FY	$49,053.74
Interest & Costs Collected	$3,506.88
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	**$77,595.36**

Remitted to Treasurer:	
Redemptions	$32,209.18
Interest & Costs Collected	$3,506.88
Liens Deeded to Municipality	$5,143.80
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	$36,735.50
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$77,595.36**

Brenda A. Howe, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 2007

Cash on Hand 1/1/2007 $105.00

Car Registrations – 593	$50,842.50
UCC Filings	$120.00
Dog Licenses – 118	$903.00
Marriage Licenses – 2	$90.00
Miscellaneous	$268.75

Filing fees
Photo copies
Tax Maps
Certified Copies of Vitals
Wetland Application
Civil Forfeitures
Return Check Charges



TOTAL $52,224.25

Total Remitted to Treasurer $52,224.25

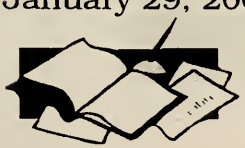
Town Clerk Cash on Hand	$105.00
Tax Collector Cash on Hand	$195.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	**$300.00**

Brenda Howe, Town Clerk

AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned have examined the accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Trustees of Trust Funds and find them properly and correctly vouched.

January 29, 2008



Auditors

Marcia Wacker

Holly J Conley

2007 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee met twice during the year and once (August 7, 2007) in a "public meeting". We were gratified by attendance at our public meeting by several townspeople who had questions and some great suggestion regarding the cemeteries. We have decided to hold all future meetings as "public meetings" so townspeople will feel free to direct their questions, make suggestions, etc during a public forum. Most Committee business is handled by phone or email.

On January 1, 2007, the revised ***TOWN OF DORCHESTER, NH, MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES, RULES & REGULATIONS*** went into effect. These rules eliminate the role to Cemetery Sexton and delegate those traditional roles to the Town Highway Department. New lot sizes have been somewhat changed and purchases of the Town's limited number of lots can be made through a Cemetery Trustee or the Town Clerk. Please note that planting of new trees or shrubs in any Dorchester Cemetery is now regulated. The Cemetery Trustees strongly suggest that if you have family members buried in a Dorchester Cemetery you review a copy of the **Rules & Regulations** which may be obtained from the Town Clerk or one of the Cemetery Trustees.

The Cemetery Committee has four major concerns at this time:

1. The increasing costs of Dorchester Cemetery maintenance for only three of our fifteen (15) identified cemeteries. We have met with the Dorchester Select Board and obtained permission to use volunteers to help us provide maintenance for the cemeteries if volunteers use their own equipment (this is apparently a municipal insurance requirement). If you would be interested in assisting with some

cemetery maintenance projects, please contact one of the Trustees.

2. The limited number of suitable lots available for future burials. We have been discussing this problem with the Select Board and some local landowners. If you may be interested in donating some flat or well drained land to the Town or you know of land you think might be appropriate, please talk with a Trustee or member of the Select Board.
3. Identifying appropriate burial markers for lots without headstones and obtaining appropriate lot markers to use in designating perimeters of lots.
4. Providing an easily read map locating designated cemeteries for the Historical Society and interested members of the Dorchester Community. This project will be done in conjunction with the Dorchester Conservation Commission.

2007 Total Expended: Cemeteries: $1,984.54

George C. Conkey II - $250.00
Tina Danner - $162.75
Equipment/Expenses: $308.75
Tanya Walker - $24.00
Martha Walker $388.50
Equipment/Expenses: $758.50
FICA/Withholding – Withheld from Salaries & Wages ($63.14)
FICA/Withholding – Paid to Federal Govt. - $155.18



DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE..... $73,175.78

Executive Officers

Conkey, David, Selectman, Salary $2,500.00
Additional Wages & Expenses $93.85
Cote, John, Selectman, Salary $2,500.00
Additional Wages & Expenses..... $1,865.86
Franz, Albert J., Selectman, Salary $2,500.00
Additional Wages & Expenses..... $901.38
Howe, Brian, Treasurer, Salary..... $1,500.00
Additional Wages & Expenses..... $2,965.16
Grace, Jennifer, Deputy Treasurer $60.00
Howe, Brenda, Town Clerk, Salary..... $1,384.62
Town Clerk Fees $2,074.25
Additional Wages & Expenses..... $2,069.97
Oaks, Darlene, Deputy Town Clerk, Salary $1,407.50
Deputy Town Clerk, Fees..... $1,071.75
Additional Wages & Expenses..... $130.98
Howe, Brenda, Tax Collector, Salary $2,000.00
Tax Collector Fees..... $1,136.26
Additional Wages & Expenses..... $3,138.76
Oaks, Darlene, Deputy Tax Collector $60.00
Elizabeth Trought, Auditor $150.00
Walker, Martha, Auditor..... $150.00
Expenses..... $4.77
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages..... $(1,756.52)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $3,574.85

Executive Expenses

AT&T $369.33
Avitar Associates of New England $4,991.44
Anco..... $30.50
Digital River (software)..... $80.90
Landry, Linda (Secretary/Bookkeeper)..... $16,640.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages..... $(2,572.96)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $3,845.92

Matthew Bender & Co. (Legal Books) $626.05
N.H. Electric Cooperative $37.34
N.H. Municipal Association (Dues) $563.19
Rumney Post Office $435.00
Staples (Office Supplies) $6,269.34
Sunapee Business Systems (Checks) $295.81
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire $84.00
UNH Technology Training $135.00
US Website Design & Hosting $74.35
Verizon $902.13
Office Expenses $9,020.00

REGISTRATION/ELECTION $1,068.66
Abell, Donna, Ballot Clerk $88.00
Morrissey, John III, Ballot Clerk $140.00
Whitin, Lili, Ballot Clerk $28.00
Limoges, Karen, Supervisor $152.00
Oaks, Darlene, Supervisor $344.00
Trought, Elizabeth, Supervisor $52.00
Melanson, Henry, Moderator $152.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(53.57)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $118.73
Salmon Press (notices) $47.50

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION $39.08
Deluxe Business Systems (deposit slips) $39.08

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY $5,639.17
Morrill, David (Current Use) $92.00
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $14.08
Abatements/Refunds $936.35
Commerford, Nieder, Perkins $1,881.00
Evelyn Ferrell $580.00
NH Association of Assessing Officials $20.00
NH Electric Cooperative $4.22
The Penny Saver (notices) $315.00
Office of Register of Deeds $565.12

Valley News (notices) $835.40
Lynn Wheeler (Title Search) $396.00

LEGAL $11,437.53

Mitchell, & Bates Professional $11,437.53

Board of Adjustment	$6,246.52
Tax Deed Property	$2,991.30
General Govt.	$2,199.71

PLANNING & ZONING $5,192.39

Burdette, Arthur (Board of Adjustment) $250.00
Conkey, David (Board of Adjustment) $250.00
Cote, John A. (Planning Board) $250.00
DeVall, David (Planning Board) $250.00
Franz, Patricia (Planning Board) $250.00
Hebert, Claudette (Board of Adjustment) $250.00
Howe, Michael (Planning Board) $250.00
Landry, Linda (Planning Board) $250.00
Landry, Linda (Board of Adjustment Secretary) $1,280.00
Landry, Michael (Board of Adjustment) $250.00
Morrill, David (Board of Adjustment) $250.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(396.16)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $382.50
Expenses (Board of Adjustment, Planning Board) $412.00
Salmon Press (notices) $60.50
Martin, Lord & Osman (books) $105.00
The Pennysaver (notices) $257.00
Valley News (notices) $163.71
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council $427.84

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS $18,966.22

Christopher Barrows (Buildings & Grounds). ... $280.00
George C. Conkey II (Buildings & Grounds) $90.00
Conkey, Jeanne (custodian) $1,368.00
Nancy Cote (Buildings & Grounds) $136.00
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Michael Howe (Buildings & Grounds) $27.88

Colleen Jolivet (Buildings & Grounds) $234.40
Michael Landry (Buildings & Grounds) $20.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(176.94)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $389.28
AT&T $156.65
Canaan Hardware $2,345.38
Dead River Co. (fuel) $7,258.97
K & R Portable Toilets $2,250.00
N.H. Electric Cooperative $1,394.57
Rainman Carpentry $260.00
Rands Do It Best $35.20
Small Engine Technology $58.25
Terminix (Exterminators) $300.00
Tri-State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers) ... $126.00
Venture Print (Sign) $187.25
Verizon $414.11
Yeaton Oil Co. (fuel) $1,675.22

CEMETERIES $1,984.54
George C. Conkey, II $250.00
Danner, Tina $162.75
Equipment Expense $308.75
Walker, Tanya $24.00
Walker, Martha $388.50
Equipment Expense $758.50
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(63.14)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $155.18

INSURANCE $28,396.30
HealthTrust (health insurance) $16,454.13
Property/Liability $8,820.88
Workers Compensation $3,121.29

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION $105.00
NH City & Town Clerks' Association $60.00
NH Health Officers Association $25.00
NH Tax Collectors Association $20.00

TAX DEED PROPERTIES$2,463.82

John A. Cote $576.00
Linda Landry $160.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(29.38)
Dorchester Plumbing & Heating $151.25
John J. McCormack $525.00
Office of Register of Deeds $26.39
Salmon Press (notices) $229.50
Manchester Union Leader (notices) $825.00

TOWN OF DORCHESTER (Lien Purchases)..... **$49,053.74**

TOWN REPORT$1,072.90

Fred B. Estabrook Co. (printing)..... $981.00
Landry, Michael (expenses) $91.90

TIMBER SURVEY.....$525.00

Dennis Thorell (Town Forester) $525.00

PUBLIC SAFETY.....$23,108.44

Ambulance

Canaan F.A.S.T $5,500.00

Fire Protection

Town of Canaan $6,323.55
Town of Rumney $7,509.00
Rumney Fire Department $980.00

Emergency Management

FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $23.87

Communications

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid $3,329.87

Animal Control

Hirsch's (badges) $125.98
IDS (dog tags) $69.17
NH Animal Population Control..... $227.00

HIGHWAYS & STREETS $208,970.31

Payroll..... $45,556.16

FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(11,112.34)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $10,196.41
State of NH $2,852.00
N.H. Retirement $4,646.68
Town Maintenance $156,831.40

SANITATION $26,170.89

Administration

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Dues $548.89
Plymouth Village Water & Sewer $100.00

Solid Waste Collection

Town of Rumney, Transfer Station $25,522.00

HEALTH $2.250.00

Senior Citizens Council Inc. $650.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance VT & NH $1,600.00

WELFARE $16,814.89

Administration & Direct Assistance

Landry, Linda, Director $1,200.00
Franz, Patricia, Assistant Director $60.00
FICA/Withholding Withheld from Salaries/Wages $(96.40)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt. $192.77
Bridge House $300.00
Canaan Cash Market $500.80
Family Pharmacy $491.78
Fred Fuller Oil Co. $50.08
Dana Hopkins $2,060.34
Dead River Oil Co. $257.57
Dorchester All Cemeteries Trust Fund $300.00
John D. Knott, Jr. $1,000.00
Marilyn Roe $650.00
Michael Landry (plowing) $70.00
N.H. Electric Cooperative $2,805.97
Patriot Fuels Inc. $3,416.04
Pine Haven Campground $600.00
Richard Bannon $950.00
Town of Dorchester. $339.66

Vendor Payments

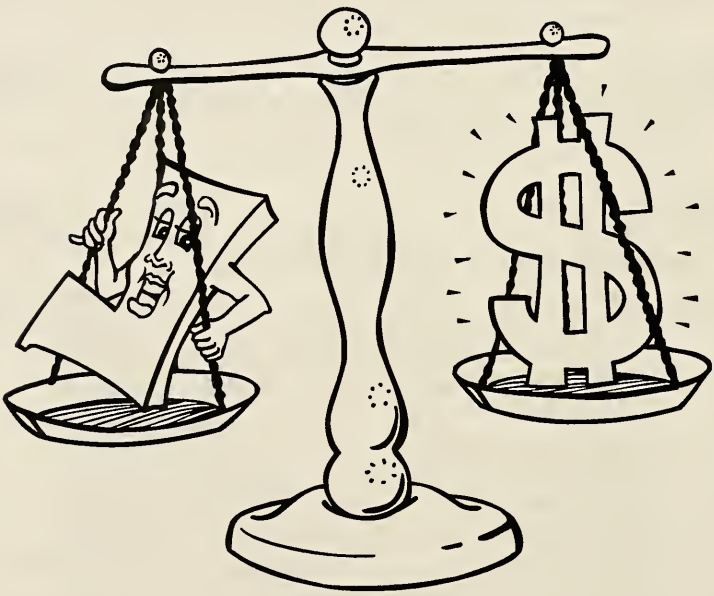
Tri-County Community Action $1,200.00
Voices Against Violence $467.00

DEBT SERVICE.....$11,615.23
Tax Anticipation Loan Interest.....$11,615.23

GRAFTON COUNTY TAXES..... $47,811.00

MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT$465,967.50

PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES$1,001,828.39



Receipts January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007.....**$1,695,844.12**
Cash On Hand January 1, 2007..... **$175,306.93**
Total Available.....**$1,871,151.05**
Disbursements January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007.....**$1,748,397.19**
General Fund **$122,753.86**
Cash on Hand December 31, 2007..... **$122,753.86**

2007 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL $52,138.91

George C. Conkey II (Road Agent)	$29,413.20
George C. Conkey II (Additional Wages)	$2,770.00
Scott Blodgett (Highway Maintainer)	$6,496.16
Joseph Barrows	$24.00
David A. Conkey	$16.00
Nadine A. Conkey	$72.00
John Cote	$248.00
Brian A. Howe	$16.00
Michael Howe	$24.00
Michael A. Landry	$50.00
Lynn Lassor	$1,380.00
Clarence Poitras, Jr.	$812.80
Dave Raab	$132.00
Larry Walker	$3,990.00
David Yetman	$112.00
FICA & Withholding Withheld from Salaries /Wages	($11,112.34)
FICA/Withholding Paid to Federal Govt	$10,196.41
State of NH (DHHS)	$2,852.00
NH Retirement System	$4,646.68

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES $11,178.35

A.M. Rand Co.	$717.55
Albert J. Franz	$160.00
B-B Chain	$226.65
Belletetes Inc.	$747.00
Bradford Pratt's Co.	$79.80
Brian Howe	$834.88
Canaan Hardware	$192.35
Conkey Salvage & Recycling	$20.00
Holly Conkey	$28.00
Joseph Barrows	$38.80
Kibby Equipment	$413.46
Lakes Region Two Way	$577.15
Mike Howe's Off Road	$179.00
NH Electric Cooperative	$1,845.60

New Hampshire Good Roads Assoc. $100.00
NH P.W.M.A.P $25.00
Northeast Tire Service, Inc. $40.00
Salmon Press (publishing bids) $106.00
Sanel Auto Parts $23.62
Treasurer State of NH (signs) $550.26
The Pennysaver (publishing bids) $88.00
Tri State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers) $94.40
UniFirst (uniforms) $2,306.87
Valley News (publishing bids) $80.10
Venture Print $152.97
Verizon $550.21
Wise Guy's Auto Parts $1,000.68

FUEL $9,067.71
Bradford/Pratt's Co. $8,489.48
George C. Conkey II $86.45
Dead River Co. $491.78

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES $2,619.35
Howard P. Fairfield $170.65
Kelley Mackenzie Auto Parts $103.75
Kirks Truck Auto & Tire Center $299.50
Larry's Auto Body $50.00
Liberty International $453.47
Mike Howe's Off Road $310.00
Monroe Repairs $884.99
Sabil & Sons $346.99

FORD 550 TRUCK EXPENSES $2,013.80
Howard P. Fairfield Inc. $14.70
Irwin Zone $1,691.91
Monroe Repairs $117.75
Sabil & Sons $22.28
Venture $167.16

FORD RANGER $8,149.90
Ford Motor Credit $4,995.50
Irwin Zone $364.98

Kelley Mackenzie Auto Parts $117.40
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $279.50
Monroe Repairs $194.46
Ryezak (fuel) $2,095.02
Sabil & Sons $53.00
Wise Guy's Auto Parts $50.04

CATERPILLAR LOADER $12,893.11
Caterpillar Financial Lease..... $12,169.35
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $293.15
Larry's Auto Body..... $35.00
Southworth Milton..... $217.85
Townline Equipment $177.76

CASE LOADER..... ...$585.51
Granite State Glass..... $318.00
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $247.25
Townline Equipment $20.26

OTHER EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE $1,370.02
E.W. Sleeper Co. $191.83
Howard P. Fairfield $318.91
Jordan Equipment..... $190.10
Kelley Mackenzie Auto Parts $46.88
L & B Freightliner $91.05
Merriam Graves..... $72.00
Mike Howe's Off Road $298.00
Small Engine Technology..... $161.25

RENTALS..... $5,732.66
MB Tractor Equipment..... $1,135.00
Owens Leasing Co..... $3,106.00
Rand's Do It Best Hardware..... $1,491.66

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS..... $86,293.49
All State Asphalt..... $9,667.15
Brian Howe..... $192.96
Cargill (winter salt) $5,328.32

Ferguson (culverts).....$1,246.72
GMI Asphalt.....$19,326.02
JAF Industries (culvert).....$9,399.94
Pike Industries.....$2,498.44
Warren Sand & Gravel.....$37,364.00
Yeaton Agway.....$1,269.94

CONTRACTED SERVICES.....$16,927.50
Bayview Construction Co.....$8,400.00
Michael A. Landry.....$280.00
Mike Howe's Off-Road.....$500.00
Paul E. Davis.....$160.00
Richard Remacle Construction Co.....$7,587.50

2007 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

PAYROLL.....**$52,138.91**
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES.....**$11,178.35**
FUEL.....**$9,067.71**
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK.....**$2,619.35**
FORD 550 TRUCK.....**$2,013.80**
FORD RANGER TRUCK.....**$8,149.90**
CATERPILLAR LOADER.....**$12,893.11**
CASE LOADER.....**$585.51**
OTHER EQUIPMENT.....**$1,370.02**
RENTALS.....**$5,732.66**
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS.....**$86,293.49**
CONTRACTED SERVICES.....**$16,927.50**

TOTAL..... $208,970.31

Road Agent's Report

The job of Road Agent for the Town of Dorchester often has as many twists and turns as the 30± miles of road over which he/she is responsible for. Having served as your Road Agent since November 1998 and having worked along side my father, George C. Conkey, Sr. prior to that, you would think the care and maintenance of Dorchester's roads would be routine ~ plow, sand, ditch, cut brush ~ and repeat as necessary ~ NOT NECESSARILY SO in Dorchester.

As Dorchester has been describe as "unique" by its outside service providers, so does it describe the conditions under which the Dorchester Highway Department must operate to maintain the roads in Dorchester. Whether it is Mother Nature through her creatures (moose, deer, beavers) or her ability to alternate weather conditions between snow, sleet and rain over the course of 1 mile of road; or development within the town, requiring approved Driveway Permits – the job of Road Agent can **never** be described as **BORING.**

Now, moving on to the events and accomplishments of the past year; Highway Maintainer, Scott Blodgett resigned to accept a position in the private sector, reducing Dorchester's Highway Department to a crew of "one." Thanks to Lynn Lassor and Larry Walker, a full calendar of scheduled projects as well as an emergency culvert replacement was completed. Larry Walker has stayed on to help with winter maintenance; his expertise and knowledge of Dorchester roads have proved invaluable – Thank you, Larry!

Early in May, we began "york" raking gravel roads, in an effort to dry them out and open them for seasonal travel. Several of these roads suffered substantial damage due to repeated use by "four-wheeled-drive mudders," delaying the opening of these roads by several weeks. I urge anyone witnessing damage to our roads to obtain a license number if possible and reporting the incident to the Road Agent or one of the Selectmen immediately.

By the end of May the paved roads had been swept and 32+ loads of gravel stockpiled at the highway yard in preparation for summer projects.

The town received the biennial bridge inspection report from the State of NH for 8 town owned bridges. All recommendations for weight and width restriction signage were implemented by the Highway Department.

The plan to reclaim, fine grad, and compact a once mile 20' wide portion of the North Dorchester Road extending from the Wentworth/Dorchester Town Line to the foot of Walker Hill was finalized with the acceptance of a bid from All State Asphalt for $13,492.95. Extensive ditching and preparation of the site began in July and the project completed by early August.

The preparation and eventual paving of Walker Hill (approximately 1,200') was completed in mid August.

The Highway Department replaced over 1,800' of culvert, graded and ditched gravel roads, and undertook aggressive roadside mowing and chipping before disaster

struck on September 30, 2007 in the form of some industrious beavers.

On September 30th the 36" culvert at the junction of Hearse House Road and Streeter Woods Road failed. Further inspection revealed that not only had the 36" culvert failed but the concrete headwall had collapsed upstream as a result of stress caused by repeated problems with beavers. After considering alternatives, including temporary repairs, the Selectmen and Road Agent agree to proceed with the replacement of the culvert and headwall. Bayview Construction was contracted to complete the project prior the onset of fall rains.

With the winter sand in place and the equipment prepared for winter; the Highway Department patiently waited for the first "flakes" to fall.

By the end of November, we had sanded/salted once due to icy road conditions, and by December, winter had begun in earnest. And, as anyone who lives in Dorchester knows, it has been a "downhill" slide, literally, from that point on. But, that's a story for next year.

Plans for 2008, include work on Cheever Road, replacing 2 culverts on River Road, as well as plowing, sanding and roadside mowing and chipping.

In closing, the Dorchester Highway Department is here for you, the people of Dorchester. If you require anything regarding town roads, pleas call the Highway

Garage and leave a message (786-2385); we will return your call as soon as we are able.

Respectfully submitted,
George C. Conkey, II
Road Agent



Dorchester Highway Yard

DORCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD 2007

2007 found the Dorchester Planning Board faced with a whole new set of challenges. Under the chairmanship of Michael Howe, the Planning Board continued to meet the second Wednesday of each month. A great deal of time has been spent becoming familiar with Dorchester's Subdivision Regulations, Land Use Regulations and Driveway Regulations, and with this familiarity comes a greater appreciation for the protection they afford the rural character of Dorchester. The Board has found that subdivision applicants and their representatives respect our regulations and willingly comply with their requirements. The Planning Board encourages all land owners to become familiar with Dorchester's Subdivision Regulations, Land Use Regulations and Driveway Regulations; copies of these regulations may be picked up at the Town Office or upon request from Planning Board members.

In March 2007, the Planning Board received an application for a minor subdivision (2 lots) of property located on the northerly side of Hearse House Road belonging to James and Sandra Romero. Under the proposed plan, both lots would exceed the minimum required road frontage with the existing driveway serving both proposed lots. The proposed new lot would be 5 acres, exceeding the required 2 acre minimum. However, Lot 2 which had an existing 20' X 30' log home with a state approved sewage disposal system would be 2 acres of which ½ acre contained slopes in excess of 20% and a

small area of wetlands. As Dorchester's Subdivision Regulations require a lot be a minimum of 2 acres of "buildable" land, a variance would need to be granted by the Dorchester Board of Adjustment before subdivision could be approved. The Planning Board worked with the surveyor and the land owner to adjust the lot lines bringing both lots into compliance thus saving the landowner time and money. The subdivision was approved in October after a Public Hearing.

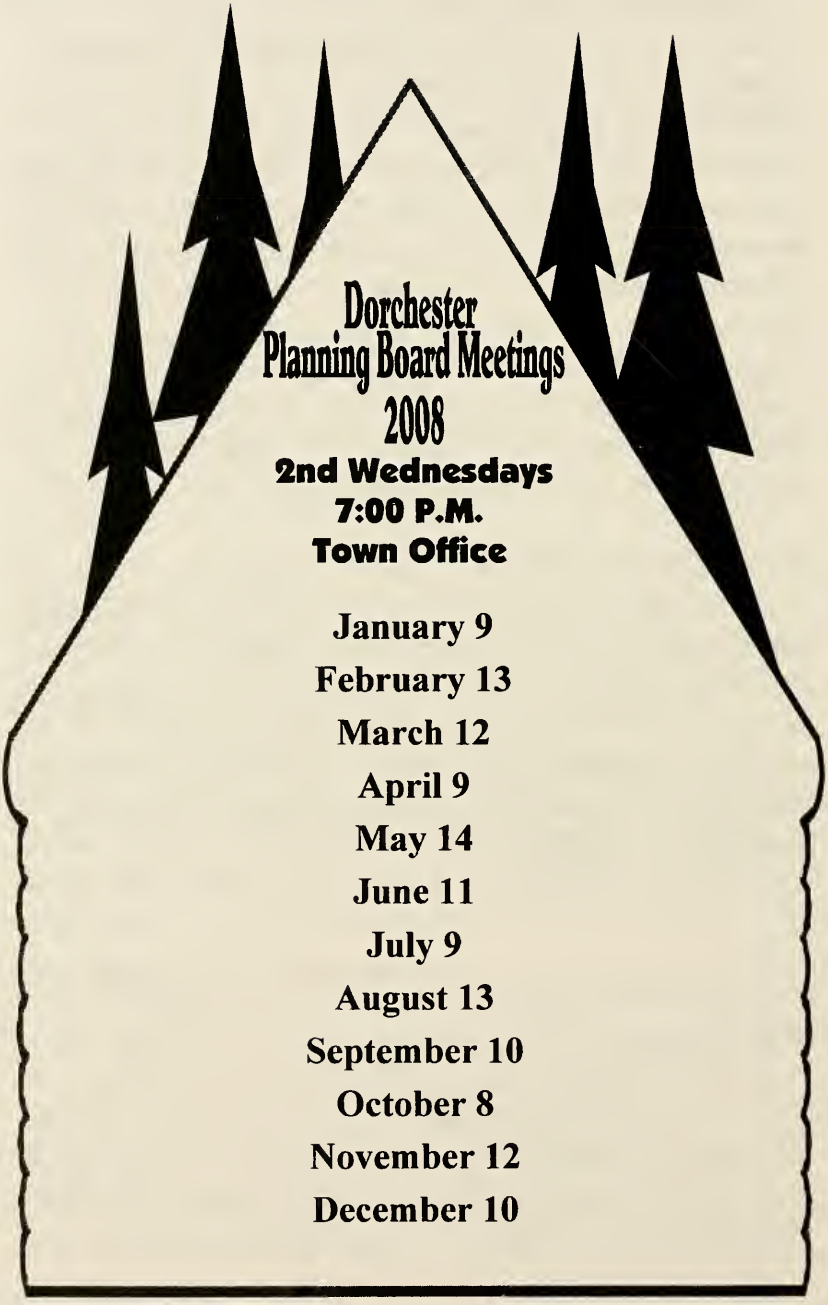
In July 2007, Van E. Hertel presented a plan for the major subdivision of Lot #3-310.1 located on the west side of Bickford Woods Road. The plan called for 9 lots to be created by subdividing 117.8 acres. The Preliminary Plans were deemed, by the Planning Board, to meet all of Dorchester's Subdivision requirements. Selectmen's Representative, John Cote, and the Road Agent worked to have the driveway permit applications processed and approved so that they could be included on the final plan. This major, 9 lot, subdivision was approved in September after a Public Hearing. The Planning Board agreed that Mr. Hertel and his surveyor did an excellent job of presenting and executing this subdivision and should serve as an example for other land owners who wish to subdivide their property.

The reoccurring problem of illegal subdivisions has continued be a source of concern for the Planning Board. Dorchester's Subdivision Regulations require a 2 acre minimum for subdivision; 2 **buildable** acres. Dorchester's Land Use Regulations, approved March 14, 1989 and amended March 12, 1991, states; *"Land in common ownership divided by a public or other road or*

highway so that either lot shall be non-conforming, shall be deemed to be contiguous for purposes of this ordinance even though title to the land over which the highway passes is held by the Town, the State of New Hampshire or a third party." It further states; *"A non-conforming lot now held or hereafter acquired and held in common ownership with an abutting lot shall not thereafter be again separated from such abutting lot, but the two lots shall be considered one for the purposes of this ordinance.* We strongly urge any land owner, who believes they have two separately deeded lots, but held in common ownership, to consult with the Planning Board before transferring ownership of one of these lots, as the penalty for doing so is quite substantial (RSA 676:16).

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact any Planning Board member should you have any questions regarding Subdivision, Land Use or Driveway Permits. If we don't know the answer, we can direct you to someone who can. We also invite you to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings, if you wish to address the Planning Board, please contact the secretary at (523-7119) to be placed on the agenda.

The Dorchester Planning Board



Dorchester Planning Board Meetings 2008

2nd Wednesdays
7:00 P.M.
Town Office

January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

Animal Control Officer's Report

The writing of this annual report is a first for me as Animal Control Officer for Dorchester. It is both a privilege and duty that I feel is critical to the operation of our great town. I would like to first commend the residents of Dorchester for their willingness to work with me in being able to conduct my duties to keep order and peace between neighbors and strangers alike. There were times when I was required to enforce the laws of the State of New Hampshire in order to help keep order and peace. The enforcement of these laws has proven to be a vital to keeping Dorchester a quiet rural community.

In 2007, there were 16 calls for lost, abandoned and animal cruelty cases. Most of these cases were resolved by assessing penalties but there were also many happy endings with animals being returned to their rightful owners. I have also assisted neighboring towns with cases and many finding the same resolutions.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank the residents of Dorchester for taking the time to be responsible animal owners and reaching out to neighbors who may need assistance in a time of need. Please keep up the great work and do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance. There are several agencies out there that work with responsible pet owners in a time of need.



Respectfully Submitted
"Cookie" Hebert
Animal Control Officer

2007 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance 12/31/06	$6,899.24
New Funds 2007	$0.00
Expended 2007	$0.00
Interest 2007	$69.30
Balance 12/31/07	$6,968.54

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance 12/31/06	$5,818.00
New Funds 2007	$0.00
Expended 2007	$0.00
Interest 2007	$260.96
Balance 12/31/07	$6,078.96

Bridges Fund

Balance 12/31/06	$502.37
New Funds 2007	$0.00
Expended 2007	$0.00
Interest 2007	$3.77
Balance 12/31/07	$506.14

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance 12/31/06	$378.90
New Funds 2007	$0.00
Expended 2007	$0.00
Interest 2007	$2.83
Balance 12/31/07	$381.73

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$300.72
Interest ~ 2007	$3.02
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$303.75

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$919.02
Interest ~ 2007	$9.23
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$928.25

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$1,530.77
Interest ~ 2007	$15.38
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$1,546.15

J.C. Davenport Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$219.65
Interest ~ 2007	$2.21
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$221.86

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$385.26
Interest ~ 2007	$3.87
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$389.13

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$2,420.31
Interest ~ 2007	$24.31
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$2,444.62

All Cemeteries Fund

Balance ~ 12/31/06	$2,261.50
Interest ~ 2007	$23.74
Balance ~ 12/31/07	$2,285.24

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact you local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forest & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org .

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels

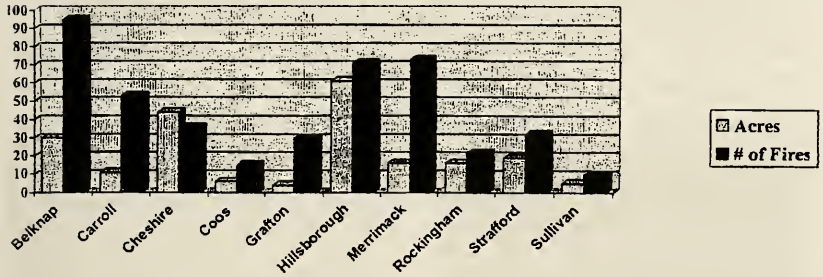
intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measurers to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping you roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org . Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5	2007	437	212
Debris	197	2006	500	473
Campfire	38	2005	546	174
Children	22	2004	482	147
Smoking	41	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	119 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

DORCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

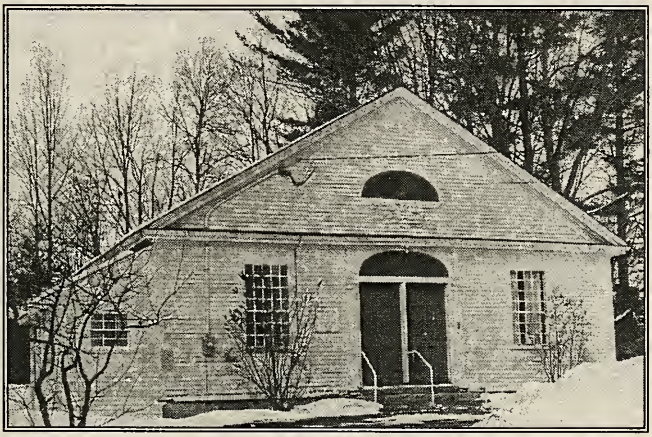
In June of 2007 the chairman of the Dorchester Historic District Commission, Patricia Franz, was requested by Selectman John Cote to view the proposed driveway site just above Church Gate Farm, as the driveway would fall within the Historic District. After viewing the site, Ms. Franz reported that, assuming that the driveway would adhere to the town's driveway regulations, the site was acceptable; however, the owners of the property would need to be informed that they must seek approval from the Commission as well as from the Planning Board prior to any construction within that area.

On November 19, 2007 members of the Commission met at the property of a landowner on the Common to discuss his proposal for an addition to his home. During that meeting several issues were discussed: that the roof of the garage does not adhere to the 7 inches rise per foot stipulation; that the current deck was not in the original plan; and that the exterior of the home conflicts rather significantly with the time period and aesthetics of the other structures on the Common. The Application for Certification of Approval was therefore denied; the homeowners were asked to submit the original architect plans as well as verification of their intent to rectify the garage roof, at which time the Commission could meet again to reconsider the plans.

It is important that new construction within the Historic District adhere to the guidelines outlined in the Dorchester Historic District Ordinance in order to maintain the character of the area. Dorchester's Town Common, with its three historic buildings, is one of very few such sites remaining in New Hampshire. As its caretakers, the members of the

Dorchester Historic District Commission hope to continue to work to see that the regulations in the Ordinance be enforced in order to prevent uncontrolled growth, especially in light of probable development in the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia E. Franz, Chairman
Dorchester Historic District Commission



Dorchester Town Hall



Dorchester Community Church



Dorchester Historical Museum



TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM Inc.

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Executive Director: Lawrence M. Kelly

CAP Community Contact Office

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Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that provides Fuel Assistance, Weatherization Homeless Funds, and State-Wide Electric Assistance Program for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. C.A.P depends upon funding from your town and others countywide, to enable us to continue our services.
Very truly yours,
Amanda Perreault
Plymouth Community Contact Coordinator

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2006-2007:

Services Provided:	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance Includes 2 Emergencies	25	$14,723.00
Weatherization	0	
Homeless Funds (Rental, energy assistance, furnace clngs)	7	$1,751.00
State-Wide Electric Assistance Program	18	$10,841.00

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF

$27,315.00

between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007

YEAR 2007 COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORT

Community Contact is the field service arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income, elderly, and handicapped persons to solve individual problems and to meet their needs through individual and/or group self help efforts. C.A.P. staff accomplished this purpose by providing information, counseling and by effectively linking and utilizing community resources. If possible, we also may assist with Emergency Fund dollars in the form of vouchers.

CATEGORY	TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	SERVICE UNITS
1. FOOD/HOUSING	Emergency food pantry/Food Stamp referrals, Emer. Housing/Sec. Dep. Loans, Tenant/landlord relations, Landlord lists	7
2. ENERGY	Elec. Disconnects, Fuel outages, Home repairs, Weatherization, Fuel wood, Heat source repair requests, Furnace issues	47
3. HOMELESS	Assistance to the homeless or those in imminent danger of being homeless	4
4. INCOME/BUDGET COUNSELING	Employment/job training referrals, Debt &/or money management, financial plan reviews, Welfare referrals	7
5. HEALTH ISSUES	Medicare/Medicaid info/referrals, Mental health, Dental, Substance abuse, Emer. Response Units, Breast cancer awareness.	6
6. TRANSPORTATION	Area public transportation info, car pool info, Information re: Senior transportation for medical and other needs	4
7. OTHER ISSUES	Clothing Vouchers, Domestic Violence Program referrals, Legal Aide referrals, Children's Hat & Mitten Program	17
	TOTAL SERVICE UNITS:	92

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Dorchester

The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit organization providing home healthcare, hospice, and maternal child health services for over 100 years. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort of their home, our services are provided to all in need, regardless of ability to pay. Last year, the VNA & Hospice provided over 1.9 million dollars in uncompensated care to individuals. The VNA & Hospice, like the local EMS, police and fire departments, is a vital part of the community's safety net. Town funding is only intended to be a "contribution" towards the full cost of services provided to residents.

Supporting home healthcare is a way to control other town expenses. By keeping Dorchester residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and by reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical costs. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education, local clinics, and comprehensive compassionate care, from before birth through the end of life.

Services provided between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Home Healthcare	
Residnts Served	9
Home Visits:	393
Hours of Service	298.27

Maternal and Child Health Services	
Residents Served	0
Home Visits	0
Hours of Service	0

Hospice Services

Residnts Served	0
Home Visits:	0
Hours of Service	0

Long Term Care

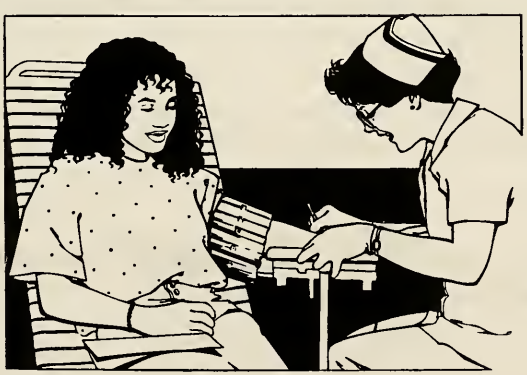
Residnts Served	2
Home Visits:	20
Hours of Service	24.58

5 residents received Family Support Services. Additionally, residents made visits to VNA community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mark Hamilton
Interim President and CEO



GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2007, 21 older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed 499 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.

- They received 320 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.

- They benefited from one-on-one assistance in their home through 364.5 hours of adult in-home care.

- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 95 visits with a trained social worker.

- Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 269 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester Residents in 2007 was $15,889.17.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the council become even for critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

UNH Cooperative Extension
Grafton County
Annual Report ~ 2007

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Grafton County, has been serving the people of our county in the following ways:

- The Nutrition Connections program, coordinated by Robin Peters, reached over 100 families in their adult programs and 200 children in their youth programs. The children were from various Head Start programs; local elementary schools; Whole Village Family Resource Center's Child Care Center; the 21st Century After School Program; North Country Academy Charter School and the Circle Program's summer camp.

- The Family and Consumer Resources program Educator, Deb Maes, has worked with a new collaboration in Plymouth that allowed limited resource families to participate in a five-week Making Money Work for Your program. In addition, over 400 food service workers participated in either a two-day food safety class or an intensive one day class as part of the Family and Consumer Resources program. Of those attending, over 83% scored 75% or higher on the National Restaurant Association's exam and were certified for five years based on their food safety knowledge. Deb also taught participants in the Grafton County Academy Program nutrition and food budgeting tips, money management, parent education and people-skills as part of their education prior to graduating from the program.

- Nutrient management in the production of forages, vegetables and fruits continues to be a major focus of the Agricultural Resources program. Nutrient Management Plans on more than 4,000 acres of corn and forages were reviewed and updated by Tom Buob, Extension Educator. Through the use of the UNHCE Soil Testing Program farmers were encouraged to maximize the utilization of their on-farm resources to minimize costs and improve profits. Forty producers submitted 160 samples in this process.

- Agricultural Resources programs continued to expand efforts with vegetable farmers to incorporate more environmentally sound management practices into their overall management schemes, including: drip irrigation, individual row fertigation, and the introduction of disease resistant varieties to reduce pesticide use. The use of floating row covers was promoted and demonstrated to reduce the use of insecticides and encourage earlier production of various vegetable crops. The vegetable produce from the demonstration plots (several tons of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, etc.) was donated to various Senior Centers in the Upper Valley.

- The 4-H Youth Development program has over 300 members and 110 leaders supporting 23 traditional clubs. Volunteers in the 4-H program provided over 4,000 hours of service in 2006-2007 to support the educational objectives of the program. A 4-H Afterschool group was formed in Littleton. In addition, Kathy Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development Educator, has provided assistance to four communities and their school programs. One program in Littleton, Project REACH, received a JC Penney 4-H Afterschool Grant. Consultation for grants has been done with several other programs. Statewide training in positive youth development theory has been presented at Plustime, 21st Century and Extension sponsored conferences.

- This year the Master Gardener and the 4-H horticulture programs have been supported by a program associate. The approximately 25 Master Gardeners have given hundreds of hours of support to the Grafton County communities. Their showpiece project, the perennial gardens at the county complex. In addition, Dana Karuza Tulp, Volunteer Management Coordinator, coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program for 60 youth and their leaders. A series of 10 workshops, open to 4-H's and the general public, were held on a variety of horticultural topics throughout the spring and summer months.

- Michal Lunak, Extension Dairy Specialist, has also been working with local dairy producers on herd management, farm transfer planning, and quality milk production. He also facilitated a series of bio-security workshops that were co-

sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension and the New Hampshire State Veterinarian. In all, 77 agricultural professionals and 72 producers, youth, and general public participated.

- Northam Parr, Forestry Resources Educator, spent considerable time assessing the damage from the spring storms and connecting wood lot owners with the correct agencies and providers. The Tree Far program continues to be supported, including the New Hampshire Tree Farm Field Day. In addition, Northam has worked on sustainable forestry plans with landowners and has facilitated with, certified logging professionals, workshops.

- Northam Parr and Michal Lunak serve on the county farm committee to help to develop a sustainability plan for the county farmlands, woodlands, and dairy herd. Deb Maes, Nory Parr and Robin Peters have assisted the communities of Landaff, Rumney and Canaan in their Community Profile work and follow up activities.

- UNHCE continues to provide New Hampshire's citizens with research based education, information and technical assistance, enhancing their abilities to make informed decisions strengthening youth, families and communities while sustaining natural resources and improving the economy. Funded through the federal, state and county government and competitive grants, educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of the elected volunteer Extension Advisory Council.

For information, please contact our office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by calling **603-787-6944** or emailing: grafton@ceunh.unh.edu. You will find current information on our website www.extension.unh.edu.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen E. Jablonski,
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, and County Office Administrator

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District
2007 Annual Report

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met five (5) times during 2007. This past year District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries

HHW Program

Participation Results

The District held two (2) one-day collections - in Lisbon (May) and in Plymouth (September). 181 participants (vehicles) took part serving an estimated 434 residents. This estimate is based on the number of vehicles coming to the collection site and multiplying that figure by 2.4 - the average number of people per household (see tables 1 & 2).* This year's participation decline can be attributed to at least two factors; (1) the District held only 2 collections instead of 3 as in past years, and (2) moving the collection usually held in Littleton to Lisbon. It should be noted that even though participation numbers were down over 50% from 2006, volume totals for this year were down only 24%. Member communities also brought waste that had been dropped off at their individual transfer stations. There is no effective means to record an accurate number of residents that are being served in this capacity so it should be understood that the participation numbers reported are conservative. In reality, the District's program is serving a greater percentage of the District population than is being reported.

Table 1. 2007 Participation Results

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2007	2	29,971	180	432	1.44%

Table 2. 2002 – 2007 Participation Results

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2002	5	26,627	352	845	3.17%
2003	3	26,627	291	698	2.62%
2004	3	26,627	253	607	2.27%
2005	3	26,627	209	502	1.88%
2006	3	26,627	386	926	3.48%
2007	2	29,971	180	432	1.44%

* Derived by multiplying the number of vehicles by 2.4 (the average household size)

Program Costs

The total cost for disposal for the one-day collection program was $22,500. The cost per capita was down considerably from last year and this can simply be attributed to the decrease of $8,000 in program costs. The rise in average cost per vehicle and average cost per "participant" figures can be attributed to the sharp decrease in participation numbers paired with modest decrease in program costs. The District received over $8,900 in grant funds from the State of NH's HHW grant program to help offset this year's collection costs.

Table 3. 2007 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle	Cost/ "Participant"
2007	29,971	181	432	$22,500	$.75	$124.31	$52.08

Table 4. 2002 – 2007 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle	Cost/ "Participant"
2002	26,627	352	845	$27,810	$1.04	$79.00	$32.91
2003	26,627	291	698	$22,587	$.85	$77.62	$32.35
2004	26,627	253	607	$22.342	$.84	$88.31	$36.81
2005	26,627	209	502	$22,015	$.83	$105.33	$43.85
2006	26,627	386	926	$30,980	$1.16	$80.26	$33.46
2007	29,971	181	432	$22,500	$.75	$124.31	$52.08

Waste Volumes Collected

As noted earlier the estimated 34,528 pounds of waste collected was down approximately 24% from 2006. However, the 2007 figure is higher than the 2003, 2004, and 2005 numbers, when three collections were held (only two in 2007). The pounds/participant and pounds/vehicle numbers were the highest seen by the District in recent years. This is consistent with what was seen at the events as a number of participants brought large quantities of waste to the sites with some participants making multiple drop-offs. Even with the fluctuations in participation, volumes of waste collected, etc. it should be noted that the cost per pound of waste collected declined slightly from 2006 and has remained relatively stable over the past six (6) years.

Table 5. 2007 Waste Volumes Collected

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	lbs/Vehicle	lbs/ "Participant"	Cost/lb.
2007	181	432	34,528	$22,500	191	80	$.65

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	lbs/Vehicle	Lbs/ "Participant"	cost/lb.
2002	352	845	50,360	$27,810	143	60	$.55
2003	291	698	33,080	$22,587	114	47	$.68
2004	253	607	32,176	$22,342	127	53	$.69
2005	209	502	33,090	$22,015	158	66	$.66
2006	386	926	45,408	$30,980	118	49	$.68
2007	181	432	34,528	$22,500	191	80	$.65



In 2008 the District plans to hold two (2) collections, one in the Lisbon/Littleton area on September 13th and the second in Plymouth on September 27th.

Paint Recycling and Universal Waste Collections

Accompanying the one-day HHW collection program were the individual municipal transfer station collections for paint and fluorescent lights. Over 640 gallons of paint and 34,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs were collected through these programs. These ongoing collections not only provide less expensive recycling options for wastes typically collected at HHW collections, but they also allow residents greater access to disposal opportunities, in turn minimizing the potential for improper disposal.

Other Issues

The District supported a legislative proposal, HB 503, which would levy a $.01 fee/tax on beverage containers at the wholesale level (Milk, wine and liquor bottles would be exempt). This proposal would raise approximately 10 million dollars annually for recycling and HHW programs. It is estimated that $800,000 dollars would be set aside for HHW grants annually, four times the current amount allocated to the State's HHW grant program.

In 2008, the District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste management and recycling and continue its HHW and universal waste collection programs. By working together, District members can minimize disposal, transportation and recycling costs and help ease the strain on municipal budgets. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Berti
PBSWD Chairman



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From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE had 3,152 contacts with 551 adult and child victims/survivors (increase of 42% over last year) who have been affected by domestic or sexual violence, or stalking. In Dorchester alone, we had 14 contacts with 3 victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations in your town.

Direct services included crisis counseling through our 24-hour hotline; one-on-one crisis and ongoing advocacy; providing emergency shelter to women and children; support groups; hospital, police and court accompaniment; restraining orders and other legal assistance; providing food, clothing, and transportation; advocating for families' medical/mental health, housing, and financial needs; assisting with educational and employment opportunities; and much more.

VOICES reached an additional 1,674 individuals through our education and outreach programs. Among those programs were workshops for students and faculty at area schools on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships and boundaries, how to help a friend in a abusive situation, and teen dating violence. We are also working with law enforcement and community agencies in your area to create unified community response to domestic and sexual violence, and will be placing a great deal of effort into our prevention activities that will hopefully alleviate long-term burdens on the town that result from family violence.

Sincerely,
Jaye Olmstead
Executive Director

Report to the People of District One
By
Ray Burton, Councilor District One

It is a pleasure to serve this large northern district of 98 towns, 4 cities, and 5 counties with a population of 247,000 people. The Executive Council is at the top of your Executive Branch of NH State Government. The Governor and Executive Council appoint 352 Commissions and Directors who administer NH law and budget as prescribed by the NH House and Senate.

2008 is the year to keep an eye on and follow the progress of the NH Transportation Plan. The recommended projects in the highway and bridge plan can be accomplished with existing revenue from the state gasoline tax, bonds and matching federal funds. The Executive Council held public hearings on the projects throughout the state and forwarded their recommendations to Governor Lynch. Governor Lynch will review our recommendations and then submit his recommended plan to the NH House and Senate by January 15th, 2008. Without any new revenues for additional projects we will be lucky to maintain the existing state highway and bridge system. If more work is desired then new revenues will have to be voted by the Members of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor. Contact your local legislators-House and Senate. Find them by going to www.nh.gov.

This large northern district needs more people on state mandated volunteer boards and commissions. Send you letter of interest and résumé to my office, or to Katy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are

available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm.

I have available from my office informational items about the NH Executive Council, NH Constitution, NH Tourist Map, 2007 Consumer Handbook, and District Maps. If you would like to receive my Monday morning report by e-mail please send an e-mail address to rburton@nh.gov.

It is an honor to continue to serve you in my now 30 years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.



Sincerely,



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West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Dorchester, as well as lower Grafton and Sullivan Counties. Our mission is: "to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services." Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction; as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing, but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultations.

Some of the services available to residents of Dorchester this year include:

- Child and family therapy services at our outpatient clinics in Lebanon, Newport, and Claremont.
- Outpatient counseling for adults suffering from depression, anxiety, addictions, family concerns, and other critical issues.
- 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-a-week Emergency Services, offering immediate intervention for people in suicidal or psychiatric crisis.
- A variety of other services such as case management, medication management, child respite, and vocational supports.

VITAL STATISTICS
DORCHESTER, N.H.

DEATHS

Name	Date	Place	Parents
Stuart Ross	01-08-07	Manchester, NH	William Ross Lucy Chandler
Margaret Ouellet	03-21-07	Plymouth, NH	_____Blunt Mabel Thistle
John Reitsma	08-02-07	Lebanon, NH	Albert Reitsma, Sr. Phyllis LaCroix
Nadine I. Conkey	09-03-07	Lebanon, NH	George Conkey Sr. Nadine Barrows
Jeanne Dusseault	10-09-07	Lebanon, NH	Pierre Dusseault Simonne Senay
Frances Merrill	11-27-07	Dorchester, NH	Joseph Willey Eda Mae Sanborn

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom/Bride	Residence
06-23-07	Trevor L. Gove	Dorchester, NH
	April J. Lowe	Dorchester, NH
09-01-07	Erik A. Hansen	Lebanon, NH
	Katrina E. Franz	Dorchester, NH

BIRTHS

Place	Date	Name	Parents
Lebanon, NH	04-04-07	Guarnieri, Lillian Patricia	John Guarnieri Angela Ricciardi
Plymouth, NH	09-13-07	Fortier, Parker James Roberts	Joseph Roberts Bridie Fortier
Manchester, NH	11-13-07	Dufresne, Faith Elizabeth	Heather Start
Plymouth, NH	12-30-07	French, Morgan Noreen	Roy French Debra French

Summary of the Dorchester 2007 Town Meeting

March 17, 2007 Town Meeting opened at 10:00 A.M.

Moderator Henry L. Melanson opened the meeting and gave instructions to the voters gathered. He then read Article 1 and the results of the 2007 Town Election.

John Franz, Selectman, Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Asked everyone to pick up a Town Report, Town Warrant Paper and Province Bridge/Road Plan.

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
Results of the Town Elections held on March 13th, 2007:

Selectman for three (3) years - **David A. Conkey - 56 Votes**
Treasurer for one (1) year - **Brian Howe - 55 Votes**
Town Clerk for one (1) year - **Brenda Howe - 55 Votes**
Tax Collector for one (1) year - **Brenda Howe - 56 Votes**
Trustee of the Trust Funds for three (3) years
Darlene Oaks - 61 Votes
Auditors for one (1) year (vote for two)
Martha Walker - 53 Votes
Write In - **Holly Conkey - 22 Votes**
Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years
Elizabeth A. (Betty Ann) Trought - 49 Votes
Planning Board for three (3) years (vote for two)
Michael Howe - 43 votes
Patricia Franz - 40 Votes
William Trought - 27 Votes.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) to increase the Town Clerk's Stipend from one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) per year plus fees to one thousand, five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) per year plus fees.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Article 2 read by the Moderator.
Put on the floor by John Franz and Seconded by Linda Landry.
Open to discussion.

Claudette Hebert asked if more hours on Sat. could be arranged.
Patricia Franz asked what "Recommended by Selectmen" means.
John Franz explained that it means it was put on the warrant by the Selectmen and not by petition.
Karen Limoges spoke in favor of giving the raise and even more.
Darlene Oaks, Deputy Clerk, remarked on the amount of work involved in being Clerk.
John Franz commented.
David Morrill stated the salary, fees and other wages reported and said he still supported the increase.
He then moved the question.
Seconded by John Franz.

Moderator called the vote on the motion to move the question.
Vote carried.
Moderator read Article 2.
ARTICLE PASSED

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) to increase the Highway Maintainer's salary from twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) per year based on a 40 hour week, to twenty-two thousand, five hundred dollars ($22,500.00) per year based on a 40 hour week.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Moderator read the Article 3.
Put on the floor by John Franz and John Cote.
Open for discussion.

John Franz spoke in favor of raise, explaining the Road Maintainer did not want the insurance offered and therefore recommended the raise.

He asked for a vote by paper ballot. Seconded by John Cote.
Moderator asked for a vote on the paper ballot.
Assembly said yes.
Results of paper ballot. Yes - 21 No - 7
ARTICLE PASSED

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to increase the salary of the Road Agent for the 3rd year and upon reelection from twenty-eight thousand, six hundred, forty-four dollars ($28,644.00) to twenty-nine thousand, six hundred, forty-four dollars ($29,644.00). Road Agent's Salary schedule as follows:

1st year ----------$27,000.00
2nd year----------$27,810.00
3rd year ----------$29,644.00

Moderator read Article 4.
John Cote and John Franz put it on the floor.
Open for discussion.

Linda Landry amended the Article, seconded by Brian Howe.
Amendment reads:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to increases the salary of the Road Agent for the 3rd year and upon reelection from twenty-eight thousand, six hundred, forty-four dollars ($28,644.00) to twenty-nine thousand, six hundred, forty-four dollars ($29,644.00) and to continue providing 100% of cost of the Road Agents medical insurance for the full family plan through the March 2008 Town Meeting. Road Agents Salary schedule as follows:

1st year ----------$27,000.00
2nd year----------$27,810.00
3rd year ----------$29,644.00

Moderator read amendment.

Open for discussion.

Linda Landry explained her reasons for the amendment.

John Franz explained other towns are not giving full coverage.

John Guarnieri asked if the pay rates were similar.

Robert Green asked if compared to other towns.

John Franz said they were comparable. He feels the amendment ties the Selectmen's hands in this matter and is not in the best interest of the town.

Brian Howe stated amendment only lasts until the 2008 Town meeting and that is when the Road Agents 3 year term ends. Insurance coverage can be negotiated at that time.

David Morrill asked to have amendment re read.

Moderator read amendment

Joshua Trought asked if the insurance in effect when he was elected.

John Franz answered yes.

Arthur Burdette questioned changing insurance coverage before contract is up, as being a violation of fair labor practices. He viewed the 3 year term as a contract.

Linda Landry stated that 100% insurance was in the plan for Road Agent that former Selectman; Andrew Houghton drew up during his term. She also stated that as a teacher she signs a contract annually and she would be very upset if the school tried to change the benefits mid-year.

David Morrill questioned if insurance should be done on a warrant article.

John Franz stated this question of insurance was a surprise to him.

After much more discussion David Morrill asked to vote on the amendment. Seconded by Brian Howe.

Amendment read.

PASSED AS READ

Moderator read Article 4 as Amended
PASSED AS AMENDED

Article 5. To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Dorchester.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reduction of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Dorchester encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

By Petition

Moderator read Article 5
Open for discussion.

Joshua Trought made a motion to accept Article 5 as read.
Joshua Trought explained his reasons for putting the article in the Warrant.
Angela Ricciardi asked a question.
David Morrill asked to have the article tabled indefinitely.
Seconded by David Conkey.
David Conkey asked for a show of hands **14 yes 17 no**
Open for discussion again.

Joshua Trought spoke again.
David Morrill stated we have no control over climate. He felt the article was very ambiguous.
Joshua Trought stated his view.
John Hession spoke as a trustee of the Audubon Society, the Society supports the article.
Angela Ricciardi asked for clarification of intent.
Arthur Burdette expressed this was very political and did not feel this was the proper place to be presented.
David Morrill asked to move the question.
Seconded by Arthur Burdette
Article 5 Read.
Show of hands vote. 19 yes 10 No
ARTICLE PASSED

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred seventeen thousand, four hundred sixty-four dollars ($417,464.00), to defray Town charges.

Article 6 read.
Put on the floor by John Franz and John Cote.
Open for discussion

John Franz spoke.
Linda Landry explained the MS 6
John Hession asked about Motor Vehicle amounts.
Brian Howe explained.
John Franz explained we were not the only town this occurred in.
Joshua Trought asked about moneys spent on elections.
Brian Howe explained the new electionet program and expenses involved in training and implementation.
Joshua Trought questioned last years costs on buildings.
John Franz explained the generator was not purchased but will be this year.
Patricia Franz questioned legal expenses.

John Franz explained.
Arthur Burdette asked about emergency plans.
John Franz explained the town house was designated as Emergency Center for our town.
Arthur Burdette asked about grants for center.
Franz explained.
Joshua Trought asked about insurance cost differences.
Franz explained.
Joshua Trought asked about Land Use Change taxes.
Linda Landry explained.
David Morrill moved the question
Seconded by Joshua Trought.
Article 6 read.
ARTICLE PASSED

Article 7. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article 7 read.
Open for discussion.
Linda Landry asked for a moment of silence for Stuart Ross, who passed away in Jan. He was an active member of the ZBA.
Moment observed.
Andrew Houghton expressed appreciation of George Conkey's efforts as Road Agent.

David Morrill made the motion to adjourn
Seconded by Claudette Hebert
Motion to adjourn passed.

Meeting closed at 11:28 A.M.

Submitted by Brenda Howe,
Town Clerk of Dorchester, NH

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